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1. On 22 March 1954, T-34 tanks [REDACTED] and several trucks with AT guns, [REDACTED] in Schweinrich. <sup>1</sup>

2. In the morning on 25 March, 5 JS-1 tanks, including [REDACTED] 6 SU-122 guns, [REDACTED] 5 trucks, [REDACTED] and 2 field kitchens were entrained in Frankfurt/Oder. No troops were observed. <sup>2</sup>

3. In the evening on 29 March, source observed preparations for the departure of troops in the Kriegsschule (2288) in Potsdam. About 70 trucks towing 25 x 120-mm mortars and [REDACTED] about 10 ambulances, including [REDACTED] about 15 tank trucks, and 2 T-34/85 tanks were involved. <sup>3</sup> In the afternoon on 29 March, a column of about 25 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops and [REDACTED] 1 jeep, 1 field kitchen, and 1 prime mover towing a 122-mm field gun entered the Delius Kaserne (2289) in Potsdam. <sup>4</sup> Except for Adolf Hitler Kaserne (2287), which was occupied by an estimated 1,000 to 1,500 troops, the barracks installations in Potsdam were occupied as previously on 29 March. Two T-34/85 tanks and about 20 machine gun carriers, [REDACTED] were identified. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation [REDACTED]

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4. In the morning on 29 March, a train carrying 20 T-34/85 tanks, [REDACTED] 10 armored personnel carriers, 6 trucks, [REDACTED] and 7 boxcars of troops passed through the Wildpark railroad station, coming from the direction of Satzahn and proceeding toward Jueterbog. <sup>5</sup>

5. On 29 March, 8 JSU-122 guns, [REDACTED] 3 field kitchens, about 20 trucks, [REDACTED] and 20 boxcars, which had arrived from the direction of Pasewalk, were unladen in Frezzlau. <sup>5</sup>

6. On 15 and 16 March, the following troop trains passed through the Tangerhütte railroad station:

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25X1 15 March. A train with 122-mm field howitzers, which went from Altengrabow  
 25X1 to Rathenow [redacted] A train of 10 boxcars and 40 flat-  
 25X1 cars carrying 122-mm field howitzers, which went from Altengrabow to Rathenow  
 25X1 [redacted] A train [redacted]  
 25X1 15 March. A train with troops and trucks [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] which went from Magdeburg  
 25X1 to Stendal. [redacted]

[redacted] 7. On 21 March, 6 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] AT guns and about  
 25X1 20 trucks, [redacted] were entrained in Bernau. In the late after-  
 25X1 noon on 21 March, a column of about 30 trucks carrying pontoons and logs, 1 field  
 25X1 kitchen and about 120 troops left the Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4243), Bernau,  
 25X1 toward the town. Source expressed the belief that the troops were to be entrained  
 25X1 at the Zepernik railroad station, as 20 empty flatcars were assembled there.  
 25X1 Trucks [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] were identi-  
 25X1 fied.

[redacted] 8. On 24 March, the units stationed in Hindenburg Kaserne (5581), Stendal, en-  
 25X1 gaged in preparations for transfer. In the afternoon, 2 radio trucks, 12 trucks,  
 25X1 1 tank truck and 1 field kitchen left the installation for Uenglinger Tor,  
 25X1 where they met other vehicles from the restricted area near Albrecht-der-Baer  
 25X1 Kaserne (5583). Motor vehicle [redacted] was identified. The trucks were  
 25X1 occupied by each 10 to 15 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and,  
 25X1 some, by billeting equipment. At about 5 p.m., the column left toward Magdeburg.  
 25X1 At about 3 p.m., a second column assembled near the exit of Tauentzien Kaserne  
 25X1 (5584), with 4 radio trucks, 2 ambulances, 2 tank trucks, 2 field kitchens and  
 25X1 18 trucks being observed. The trucks carried troops wearing red-bordered black  
 25X1 epaulets with artillery insignia and billeting equipment. The column left to-  
 25X1 ward Magdeburg. In the late afternoon of the same day, a third column of amphi-  
 25X1 bious vehicles, 6 trucks, radio and tank trucks and ambulances was observed in  
 25X1 Boese [redacted] These trucks were also occupied by troops and billeting equipment. 8

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] presumably a unit of the 18th  
 25X1 Mech Div.

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. Materiel entrained in Frankfurt/Oder, probably for the Lieberose  
 25X1 training area, included JS tanks of the 84th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt and SU-122 guns  
 25X1 of the 57th Gds Tank Regt of the 7th Gds Mech Div.

25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. Preparations for a transfer of the 259th Gds Mort Regt in the  
 25X1 Kriegsschule (2288), Potsdam, and the tank shipment of the 10th Gds Tank Div,  
 25X1 which went toward Jueterbog on 29 March, tend to indicate that exercises of  
 25X1 units of the division were to start in the area south of Berlin. [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] train [redacted] which carried a unit of the IV Arty Corps,  
 25X1 went from Rathenow to Baruth on 28 March. The elements of the 10th Gds Tank Div  
 25X1 may have also transferred to this area.

25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. It appears improbable that elements of the 10th Gds Tank Div  
 25X1 should have entered Delius Kaserne [redacted]

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25X1 5. [redacted] Comment. Elements of the 83d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 25th Tank Div which,  
 25X1 on 18 March, transferred from Prenzlau to Lützing Heath for advanced combat fir-  
 25X1 ing practices, were detained.

25X1 6. [redacted] Comment. According to previous information, only two trains with elements  
 25X1 of the 10th How Arty Brig (US), who were to participate in the exercises of the  
 25X1 reinforced 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, went from Altengrabow to Gransee on 15 March.



[redacted] The  
 number of 3 trains appears more probable as, upon completion of the exercises,  
 the troops returned to Altengrabow on 4 trains. Rathenow was mentioned only as  
 intersecting station from the Magdeburg regional railroad district to the Berlin  
 regional railroad district. The train on 16 March probably carried army troops  
 of the Third Shock Army and went to the training area of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle  
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- 25X1 7.  Comment. On 21 March, major elements of the 22d Gds Mgrs Bn were entrained in the Bernau area in connection with the transfer of the 6th Gds Mech Div to the Mirow - Neuruppin area for exercises.
- 25X1 8.  Comment. Source possibly observed the departure to the summer camps of the division in the north section of Letaling Heath of advance details of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. As, however, exercises of elements of the division started in the Letaling Heath-Stendal area about 24 March, the columns may as well have moved there.

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